

# NEW FISH WHARF NEARLY FINISHED

## Boston Port Directors Issue Report of Progress on the Work.

The directors of the port of Boston issued yesterday a full report of the progress of the field and construction work so far undertaken up to August 1, 1912.

The report says:

The work of the belt line survey has mainly been confined to the territory lying between the Boston and Albany railroad and the Midland division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, with only a very general reconnaissance north of the Boston and Albany railroad.

Two possible routes for the belt line have been surveyed and work is progressing on a third. A total of 15.5 miles of transit lines has been run and profiled. About twelve miles of the line have been covered by the topographical parties. The office work has been organized preparatory to estimating the cost of the various routes.

At the present time 11,788 1-2 linear feet of boring have been made, covering the greater part of the area bounded by the fish pier, the main ship channel, the reserved channel and the mainland. This work is preliminary to the preparation of a plan for the development of the property of the State at South Boston, including the completion of the reserved channel.

The new fish pier, on August 1, was 90 per cent. complete. Work on the new fish pier was commenced in the fall of 1910, and the first stone was laid for the heavy walls in the water in February, 1911. Nine-tenths of the work is now completed. The walls of the pier are filled complete and capped for about one-half their length. The walls at the head of the docks along the Northern avenue extension are completed. Nearly all the dredging of the docks has been done. Eighty-four per cent. of the filling has been made, and the work of surfacing the pier has begun last month.

# MACKEREL CRAFT GETTING TINKERS.

## Four Small Steamers at Boston With Fares This Morning.

The fleet still continue to find mackerel, four of the small steamers being at Boston again this morning with fares of tinkers.

The largest trip is that of steamer Bethulia, hauling for 75 barrels. Other arrivals are the Philomena, with 6000 fish in count; Reliance, 19 barrels; Bessie M. Dugan, 30 barrels.

The dealers cleaned up yesterday's lot pretty well and tinkers were very much in demand again this morning. In fact tinkers are about the only thing in the mackerel line that is reaching the market, and this morning's wholesale prices jumped to six cents a pound, a cent in advance of yesterday's prices.

Yesterday noon sch. Clintonia, Capt. Ralph Webber, arrived at the dock with 100 barrels of fresh tinkers which sold at five cents a pound.

Portland is getting a few mackerel these days, but only in small amounts.

A special despatch to the Times this noon states that sch. Georgia is in Boston with 18,000 pounds of fresh tinker mackerel.

## Bait at Nova Scotia.

A. L. Smith wires to the Board of Trade that there is plenty of herring for bait at Baccro, Shelburne County, N. S.

Another message received from Canso states that squid have struck in there also.

## Porto Rico Fish Market.

Since our last report the arrivals of fishstuffs have been: At San Juan, 182 tcs., 100 bxs., seven drums codfish, 51 tcs. dry fish, 19 tcs. haddock, one tc. pollock, 10 drums hake, 19 bbls., 42 half-bbls. fish, 57 bbls. bloaters. At Ponce, 348 tcs. cod, 29 tcs. haddock, 73 tcs. pollock, 103 tcs., one drum dry fish, two barrels fish, 75 bxs. bloaters. At Mayaguez, 101 tcs. cod, 55 tcs. dry fish, 32 tcs. haddock, 40 tcs. pollock. At Arecibo, 20 tcs. dry fish. At Aguadilla, 33 tcs. cod.

Stocks of cod are not large, but prices are influenced by the declining course of the markets of supply. The price of \$27 per drum, still ruling at San Juan and Mayaguez, is not easily obtained at Ponce any more. The demand for codfish is fair. Pollock and haddock continue in good demand, especially pollock, and we maintain our previous quotation of \$18 per drum, ex net wharf.

Reported by S. Ramirez & Co., San Juan, P. R., July 23, 1912.

## Louisburg, C. B., Fishery Notes.

All branches of fishing at Louisburg, N. S., have been reported very dull during the past month. On days when bait was procurable fair catches of cod were made, showing that these fish were ever on the ground. Dogfish continued on the coast throughout the month, hampering the net fishermen considerably, and doing great damage to the nets set in the month of July.

The lobster season, which closed today, can be reported as an average one.

During the early part of the season lobsters were fairly plentiful, but the catches dropped off considerably during the latter part of the season. Prices were not quite so high along this coast as last year, which was the banner year for prices on all kinds of fish, and especially have the prices of fish dropped in the local markets.

## Canada Fish Demand Good.

There is a continued demand for fish throughout the Dominion of Canada, the volume of business being well maintained. The varieties mostly supplied are halibut, trout and whitefish, though inquiries have been received for pickled and salt fish. So far prices have not been given on the latter, but it is believed they will rule slightly lower than was earlier anticipated. Codfish is in better supply than was the general expectation, and the slowness of foreign markets to take up dried cod will have a tendency to depress prices on all lines in which cut fish is the raw material. From Manitoba to Lake Winnipeg fishery is reported as very productive this season.

## New Provincial Crafts.

The new schooner Casarco was successfully launched from the yard of W. C. McKay & Son, Shelburne, N. S., last Tuesday morning. She is owned by the Canadian Sardine Co. of St. Andrews, N. B., and is 43 tons register.

The Joseph McGill yards at Shelburne will have the schooner for the Roseway Fish Company ready for launching in about two weeks. And this will be followed by the launching of the schooner now being completed in the same yards for the Halifax Cold Storage Company.

## New Halifax Company.

The North Atlantic Fisheries, Limited, and organized to take over the Halifax Cold Storage Company, adding to its capital and extending its business and plant.

The capitalization of the company consists of \$1,000,000 preferred shares and common stock, authorized, with \$500,000 preferred and \$500,000 common issued.

The Halifax Cold Storage Company's net earnings in 1912 as reported by R. Carter, chartered accountant were \$35,155—more than sufficient to pay the dividends on the total preferred stock now being issued by the North Atlantic Fisheries, Limited.

## Chartered for Labrador.

Sch. Lottie Brynes, formerly of Provincetown, but now owned by the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company, has been chartered by out-of-town parties to go to Labrador. The craft sailed from here this morning in command of Capt. Albert Evans.

## Halibut at Boston.

Sch. Teazer was at Boston yesterday with a fare of 10,000 pounds of halibut and 50,000 pounds of fresh fish.

## BETTER PRICE

## FOR TINKERS.

## Four Fares at Boston Sold at Five Cents Per Pound This Morning.

Four trips of mackerel are at Boston this morning, among the arrivals being the steamer Bethulia, which was in yesterday and back again this morning with 25 barrels of fresh tinkers.

The other arrivals are steamers Lois H. Corkum, Capt. William J. Corkum, with 30 barrels of tinkers and Venture, 11 barrels, and sch. Little Fannie with 30 barrels.

There was lively demand for these little fish, another cent being tacked on to the wholesale prices, bringing them up to seven cents a pound, the best price of the season.

Off-shore fishermen, says the Halifax Herald, are much encouraged by the increasing numbers of small mackerel they the obtaining in their hauls and many feel sure that we will soon see the main school, though such has not always been the case at this time of the year. The continued appearance of the tinkers has impressed the most conservative and practically all who are interested in the industry are now led to believe this will be a "tinker" or year of young mackerel. They are nearly as profitable as the larger fish and all fares find a ready market, commanding good prices. The daily arrivals during the past week have been both consistent and in fair quantity, Monday's receipts being between 10,000 and 15,000 in count.

## HIGH LINE OF SWORDFISH FLEET.

The Portland sch. Topsail Girl in command of Capt. Charles C. York has broken all records in the sword-fishing industry this season as thus far during the season she has landed 482 swordfish. The schooner has landed three fares, the first trip she brought in 202 fish, the second trip 153 fish and last Sunday she arrived in Boston on her third trip bringing in to port 122 fish.

The schooner is now owned by F. S. Willard & Co., of Portland and under the command of Capt. York the Topsail Girl has earned a large amount of money for her crew and owners.

## Newfoundland Fishery Situation.

A summary of the fishery situation up to July 31st, as supplied by one of our most careful observers, is that on the North-east Coast and in Green Bay the catch is above the average, says the St. John's, N. F., Chronicle, on the Fogo shore and in Bonavista Bay it is about fair; in Trinity and Conception Bays it is below the average; from Cape St. Francis to St. John's it is also slack; on the Southern Shore it is the worst for 20 years; Trepassy and St. Mary's Bay also show an absolute shortage; Cape St. Mary's is much below normal figures; in Placentia Bay it is likewise behind hand; and in Fortune Bay and along the Western Shore it is backward as well; the banking catch is almost much less than last year. Ad- vices from Twillingate say fish continues abundant there and in the vicinity, and the people now believe that it will be one of the best fisheries on record. All the schooners fishing in Green Bay have done well this year and they are only concerned now as to the price of fish this fall.

## Original Fish Catching Method.

In the neighborhood of Biarritz in southwestern France an original method of taking fish from the sea has been invented by the inhabitants along shore. Two poles 40 or 50 feet rail and placed 8 or 9 yards apart are erected on the beach. By means of pulleys a continuous line running over the tops of the poles, and attached also to the top of another pole placed 500 yards out in the sea, can be alternately drawn either shoreward or seaward. Short lines with hooks and bait hang from the main line, and when they are loaded with fish the fisherman, sitting by his little cabin on shore, draws his "take," rebait his hooks and by pulling in the opposite direction replaces the row of baited lines in the sea. This apparatus is called a "va et vient," or "go and come."

## FISH SCARCE ON BANKS.

## Sch. Titanic, Dory Hand- liner, Has 125,000 Lbs. Salt Cod.

Sch. Titania, another of the dory handline fleet, is at home after a 15 weeks trip with a fare of 125,000 pounds of salt cod.

Like others of the fleet, the Titania has found fishing scarce, the season being one of the worst in years for the dory handliners.

The only other off shore arrival is sch. W. H. Moody from a Georges handlining trip with 25,000 pounds of salt cod and 1200 pounds of halibut.

Down from Boston is sch. Teazer with 20,000 pounds of fresh fish to split, left over from yesterday.

The gasoline boats made some nice hauls of bluebacks out in Ipswich bay yesterday, about 500 barrels being bought in, the fish going for bait, some for oil and others to the freezer.

## Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Titania, dory handlining, 120,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. W. H. Moody, Georges handlining, 25,000 lbs salt cod, 1200 lbs. halibut.

Str. Beatrice E., seining, 110 bbls. bluebacks.

Str. Gertrude, seining, 70 bbls. bluebacks.

Str. Mercedes, seining, 30 bbls. bluebacks.

Str. Rough Rider, seining, 40 bbls. bluebacks.

Str. Onway, seining, 70 bbls. bluebacks.

Str. Florence and Mildred, seining, 30 bbls. bluebacks.

Str. Pet, seining, 150 bbls. bluebacks.

Str. Quoddy, seining, 100 bbls bluebacks.

Sch. Teazer, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Georgiana, via Boston.

Sch. Mary Emerson, shore.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, via Boston.

Sch. Emily Sears, via Boston.

## Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Laverna, shacking.

Sch. Effie M. Prior, seining.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, haddocking.

Sch. Oriole, dory handlining.

Sch. Lottie Byrnes, Labrador.

## TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

### Salt Fish.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$2.87 1-2; snappers, \$2.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$4.00 per cwt.; medium, \$3.50; snappers, \$2.50.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$2.87 1/2; snappers, \$2.00.

Dory handline codfish, large, \$3.50; medium, \$3.12 1/2; snappers, \$2.25.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.12 1/2; mediums, \$3.50.

Drift codfish, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.37 1/2.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Pollock, \$1.25.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.

Hake, \$1.25.

Salt tinker mackerel, \$9 per bbl.

Fledged halibut, 8c per lb.

### Fresh Fish.

Haddock, 70c per cwt.

Peak and Cape North cod, large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.50; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.00; mediums, \$1.65; snappers, 75c.

All codfish not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, 70c.

Cusk, large, \$1.30; medium, \$1.00; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock 80c, round 70c.

Bank halibut, 9 1/2c per lb., for white; 7 1/2c for gray, 4c for chicken.

Fresh mackerel, 30c for large, 20c for medium; 2 1-2 cts. per lb. for tinkers.

Fresh shad, \$3.50 per bbl., fresh; \$2.50 per bbl. to salt; \$3.00 per bbl., to freezer.

Fresh bluebacks, \$2.50 per bbl.

Fresh porgies, \$1.25 per bbl. for bait; 75c per bbl. for oil.

Fresh herring, \$1.50 per bbl. to freezer; \$2.50 per bbl. for bait.



# Aug. 8

## SWORDFISH MADE DROP.

Reached Lowest Price of Season at T Wharf Yesterday.

Receipts of fresh fish were in plenty at T wharf, Boston, this morning, the dealers having an ample supply for trade, besides swordfish and four fares of mackerel.

The off shore arrivals included schs. Mary, 47,000 pounds; Elmer E. Gray, 30,000 pounds; Ethel B. Penny, 31,000 pounds; Margaret Dillon, 25,000 pounds; Frances S. Grueby, 55,000 pounds; Aspinet, 82,000 pounds; steam trawlers Foam and Swell, 63,000 pounds, and 50,000 pounds each.

Swordfish took a big slump over yesterday's prices dropping down to five and eight and one fourth cents a pound, the lowest figure this season. The only arrivals were schs. Rita A. Viator which had 108 and sch. Manomet, 100 fish.

Haddock brought \$1 and \$1.75 a hundred pounds, large cod, \$2.25 to \$3; market cod, \$2; hake, \$1 and \$2; swordfish, 5c a pound and tinker mackerel, 7c a pound.

### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:  
Str. Foam, 56,000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
Sch. Aspinet, 2000 haddock, 80,000 cod.

Sch. Mary, 25,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray, 25,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Ethel B. Penny 27,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2200 hake.

Sch. Washakie, 18,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, 22,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Francis S. Grueby, 50,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Emella Enos, 12,000 cod, 3000 hake, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Philip P. Manter, 13,000 haddock, 7000 cod.

Sch. Rose Cabral, 12,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Louisa R. Sylvia, 15,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 1100 cod, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Ignatius Enos, 25,000 cod, 1200 pollock.

Sch. Pearl, 400 cod, 500 pollock.

Str. Swell, 30,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Eddie A. Minot, 2000 hake, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Rita, A. Viator, 108 swordfish.

Sch. Manomet, 100 swordfish.

Str. Bethulla, 25 bbls. fresh tinker mackerel.

Sch. Little Fannie, 20 bbls. fresh tinker mackerel.

Str. Lois H. Corkum, 30 bbls. fresh tinker mackerel.

Str. Venture, 11 bbls. fresh tinker mackerel.

Haddock, \$1 to \$1.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.25 to \$3.50; market cod, \$2; hake, \$1 to \$2; pollock, \$2; swordfish, 5c and 8½c per lb.; fresh tinker mackerel, 7c per lb.

# Aug. 9

## FRESH FISH AND HALIBUT.

Four Good Fares at This Port This Forenoon.

Arrivals at this port this morning were schs. Aspinet and Virginia with fares of fresh fish, the former being down from Boston with 75,000 pounds and the latter from Portland with 65,000 pounds.

Sch. Quannapowitt, the craft from whom sch. Hattie A. Heckman is alleged to have received ice, resulting in the seizure of the latter craft by the Canadian government, is also here from drifting with 3000 pounds of salt cod.

During the forenoon sch. Hortense, Capt. Archie McLeod, arrived with a trip of halibut, taken on Emerald bank besides some fresh fish. The halibut went to the American Halibut company.

Over 400 barrels of bluebacks were brought in yesterday by the gasoliners, two of the trips going to Boston.

Heath Brothers' trap took one barrel of tinkers yesterday which were sold here.

Nelson's trap landed 500 pounds of butter fish which sold to Lufkin & Tarr.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Aspinet, via Boston, 75,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Virginia, via Portland, 65,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Quannapowitt, salt drifting, 3000 salt cod.

Steamer Independence, seining, 60 bbls. bluebacks.

Steamer Pegasus, seining, 35 bbls. bluebacks.

Steamer Herbert and Emma, seining, 60 bbls. bluebacks.

Steamer Marchant, seining, 60 bbls. bluebacks.

Steamer Gertrude, seining, 50 bbls. bluebacks, (went to Boston).

Steamer Bessie A., seining, 75 bbls. bluebacks (went to Boston).

Steamer Yankee, seining, 80 bbls. bluebacks.

Sch. Hortense, Emerald Bank, 18,000 lbs. halibut, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

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Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$2.87½; snappers, \$2.00.

Dory handline codfish, large, \$3.50; medium, \$3.12½; snappers, \$2.25.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.12½; mediums, \$3.50.

Drift codfish, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.37½.

Haddock, \$1.50.

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Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.

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Salt tinker mackerel, \$9 per bbl.

Fledged halibut, 8c per lb.

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All codfish not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

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Dressed pollock 80c, round 70c.

Bank halibut, 8 3-4c per lb., for white; 6 3-4c for gray.

Fresh mackerel, 30c for large, 20c for medium; 5c per lb. for tinkers.

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Fresh shad, \$3.50 per bbl., fresh; \$2.50 per bbl. to salt; \$3.00 per bbl., to freezer.

Fresh bluebacks, \$2.50 per bbl.

Fresh porgies, \$1.25 per bbl. for bait; 75c per bbl. for oil.

Fresh herring, \$1.50 per bbl. to freezer; \$2.50 per bbl. for bait.

# Aug. 9

## CAPT. COLSON HAS GOOD TRIP

At Boston Yesterday Afternoon With 50,000 Lbs of Halibut.

With a fare of nearly 50,000 pounds of halibut, sch. Elk, Capt. Charles Colson, arrived at Boston yesterday afternoon, which sold at nine cents a pound for white and seven cents for gray.

Capt. Colson had about 3500 weight of cod besides, and when the crew come to share up, they will take down a tidy check as the result of their fine trip.

It was rather quiet at the dock this forenoon, just an even half dozen fares being in.

Sch. Nettie Franklin had 33,000 pounds of fresh fish, sch. Boyd and Leeds, 15,000 pounds, and the Joker 11,200 weight of pollock and two swordfish. Schs. Tecumseh and Catherine D. Enos from swordfishing were in, the former with 100 fish and the latter 93 which sold at seven and eight cents a pound right through.

Haddock sold at \$1.25 a hundred pounds, large cod, \$3 to \$3.25; market cod, \$2 to \$2.25 and pollock, \$2 to \$2.25.

### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. Nettie Franklin, 20,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 2000 haddock, 13,000 cod.

Sch. Joker, II, 2 swordfish, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Bessie M. Dugan, 75 bbls. fresh tinker mackerel.

Sch. Tecumseh, 100 swordfish.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 93 swordfish.

Sch. Elk, 3500 cod, 40,000 halibut.

Haddock, \$1.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$3 to \$3.25; market cod, \$2 to \$2.25; pollock, \$2 to \$2.25; hake, \$2; swordfish, 7 cts. and 8 cts. per lb.; fresh tinker mackerel, 8 cts. per lb.

### Salt Fish Notes.

The New York market remains dull, with almost every variety of fish pressing for sale, says the Fishing Gazette. The very moderate inquiry is still further reduced by the unsatisfactory financial and sanitary conditions in the West Indies. While present prices are low comparatively, some dealers claim that they are still too high for market conditions. Advices from Halifax state that recent bad weather is responsible for light receipts, while during the previous fortnight the risk of burning the fish was too great to permit drying operations. Large arrivals of dried fish cannot be counted upon until September 1. Exporting to the south at the present time is obstructed by political unrest and quarantine laws. The last Pickford & Black steamer sailing for Cuba was cancelled, owing to the revolution. The bubonic plague has resulted practically in the closing of Havana and adjacent ports. The same remarks apply to Porto Rico to some extent, and for the past few weeks lower quotations from supply points have been followed by reductions at almost all the foreign ports of consumption.

Deliveries of Lunenburg cod are progressing very slowly, says the Halifax "Herald," most contracts calling for the same figures as in the latter part of June. A few cargoes are believed to be still unsold, and local buyers look for further price concessions when these goods are placed on the market. For the present however, there are no indications of a lower price than \$4 per qtl. It is understood that Halifax stocks are not large, but orders are few, and there is no snap to the buying.

The latest news from St. John's, N. E., estimates the shore catch to July 27 to be 250,000 qtls., which is considered a small voyage at the end of the caplin school. For the last 10 years the best fishing has been on the squid school, but the indications at present are that the total catch will be small. In good years the shore voyage has reached the million mark, and the Labrador catch about 700,000 qtls. and average years have been 300,000 qtls. shore and 500,000 qtls. Labrador. No squid reported on the coast as yet, but there is still a good showing of caplin. The weather has been wet and foggy for a week, but there has been no wind. The boats are bringing in two or three quintals a day, and fish appear to be plentiful on the ground. No sales of new fish are reported as yet.

# Aug. 9

## TINKERS MAKE ANOTHER RAISE.

Eight Cents Per Pound Paid at T Wharf This Morning.

One fare of tinker mackerel was at Boston this morning, steamer Bessie M. Dugan, Capt. Jerry Cook, being at the dock with 75 barrels of fish, taken on Middle Bank.

Tinkers took another boost in price this morning, the wholesalers paying eight cents a pound, a cent in advance over yesterday's figures, and the largest for the season.

Tinker mackerel continue in liberal receipts, coming daily from the traps at Harpswell and Richmond Island.

### Scotland Fish Receipts.

The annual report of the Fishery Board for Scotland states that the seasfish (exclusive of shellfish) taken by Scotch fishermen in 1911 amounted to 8,175,731 hundredweight, valued at \$14,492,437. The value of shellfish was \$325,787, thus bringing the total value of all kinds of fish landed to \$14,818,224, a decrease from 1910 of \$267,763, but an excess of \$582,471 over the average catch of the previous five years. The number of persons employed in the fisheries and various subsidiary industries in 1911 was 89,153, of whom 38,626 made up the crews of the 9,543 vessels engaged. A notable feature of the industry was the continued development of the fleet of mechanical power boats. Last year there were 1,486 steam vessels and 233 motor vessels in the sea fisheries, against 1,393 steam and 156 motor vessels in 1910. The transition which has been taking place from sailing to power-propelled boats is shown by the statement that of the catch of herring in 1906, sailing vessels took 69 per cent, and steam vessels 31 per cent., while in 1911 sailing vessels took 36 per cent., steam vessels 59 per cent., and motor vessels 5 per cent. The employment of steam trawlers in herring fishing has been rapidly extended in the North Sea. Most of these trawlers had a very lucrative season last year, and it is expected that herring trawling will still further develop in the near future.

### Pensacola Fishing Notes.

Due to the torrid weather experienced last week, the snapper catches reported at the Pensacola fish houses are unusually small. Three fishing vessels reached Pensacola from the snapper banks Friday and the aggregate catch did not exceed 15,000 pounds.

By reason of the weather, the smacks are now enabled to make the trip to the Campechey snapper banks where fish abound in plenty and the fishermen are compelled to confine their operations to the near shore snapper banks, where the fish are not so plentiful during the extremely hot spells.

The following smack arrivals were recorded during Friday:

Sheffeyld of the E. E. Saunders Fish Company, 7000 pounds of snappers and 3000 pounds of groupers.

Ariola of the Warren Fish and Ice Company, 5000 pounds of snappers.

Isabelle of the Warren Fish Company, 2000 pounds of snappers.

The fishing smack Wallace McDonald of the E. E. Saunders Fish and Ice Company reached port Saturday morning last with a catch of 6000 pounds of snappers.

### Herring Sardines Scarce.

The neglect of the herring schools to visit the coast of Maine with their accustomed frequency this year has resulted in a shortage of canning supply which threatens to send up the price of sardines for the year 1913.

The packers opened the season with only about one-fourth of their usual left-over supply, and since the season opened, on April 15, the outlook has not greatly improved. There was a somewhat plentiful supply of fish in eastern waters at the very opening of the season, but the schools have rapidly diminished in numbers, until within the past few weeks only a few wandering schools have fallen prey to the fishermen.

The canners usually plan to close the season with a supply of 2,000,000 cases in stock, but this year, even with the 400,000 cases carried over, there appears little prospect of securing the normal product.

### Pensacola Fisherman Dead.

Word has just reached Pensacola to the effect that Richard Winters, the well known Pensacola fisherman who was sent to the State Insane Asylum at Chattahoochee early in July, passed away in that institution on July 18. Winters, who was a native of Belgium, was a resident of Pensacola for the past eight years, having been engaged in the snapper fishing business. Of late he was captain, his latest command being the smack Louise F. Harper.

### Salt Cargo Arrivals.

The Italian ship Antares, one of the old time full-riggers, arrived yesterday from Iviza, Spain, with 2500 tons of salt for Fred Bradley.

The Antares had light winds most of the way over and was 73 days in coming.

### Halibut Sales.

The halibut fare of sch. Hortense sold to the American Halibut Company this forenoon at 8 3-4 cents a pound for white and 6 3-4 cents a pound for gray.

### Fresh Cod Sale.

The fresh fare of sch. Virginia was purchased by the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.